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Atty. Dkt. No. 061462-0230
(NC32624US)**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method in a network entity comprising ~~the steps of:~~ receiving media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;
accessing a database comprising recipient data describing at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and/or and reception preferences for at least one recipient;
forming, in accordance with said ~~recipient data~~ at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and reception preferences, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and
outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.
2. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method according to claim 1 further comprising ~~the steps of:~~ receiving the media content in a multimedia messaging server; and providing the at least one addressed recipient with the media content via the network entity;
wherein the network entity is a multimedia messaging relay.
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method according to claim 1, wherein a streaming session is established, and in order to stream at least some of the media content is streamed to said at least one recipient.
4. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method according to claim 3, wherein said establishing of a streamed session is preceded by transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient.

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5. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 2, wherein the media content comprises a set of different types of components and each component ~~can be~~ is formatted in one or more formats.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 5, wherein the method further comprises ~~the following steps~~ before said providing of the media content:

checking the format of at least one component of the received media content;

determining by using the recipient data whether the format is appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient; and

[[if]] responsive to determining that the format is not appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient necessary, translating the component into a format appropriate for said at least one addressed recipient.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein said notification message provides a minimum amount of information necessary for said at least one addressed recipient to establish a streaming session with the said network entity.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the network entity communications with the at least one addressed recipient over a radio communications network.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein said sending entity is chosen from a group consisting of: a media storing entity of a first telecommunication network, a media storing entity of a second telecommunications network,

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a media storage in an external data transmission network, and a terminal of the first telecommunication network.

10. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 9, wherein the sending entity is selected from the group consisting of a media storing entity of a first telecommunications network and a terminal of the first telecommunications network, wherein the first telecommunication network possesses given properties, and wherein the method further comprises transmitting the notification message to said at least one addressed recipient via a first telecommunications network and forming said notification message taking into account the properties of the first telecommunications network.

11. (Currently Amended) A network entity comprising:
~~means for receiving a~~ an input which receives media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;
~~means for accessing a processor which accesses~~ a database comprising recipient data describing at least one of multimedia reception capabilities, ~~and/or~~ reception preferences ~~for~~ of the at least one addressed recipient, and multimedia reception capabilities in conjunction with reception preferences of the at least one addressed recipient;
~~notification means for forming an MMS relay which forms,~~ in accordance with said recipient data the at least one of multimedia reception capabilities, reception preferences, and multimedia reception capabilities, a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and
~~outputting means for outputting~~ an output which sends the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

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12. (Currently Amended) A communication system,
comprising: at least one recipient;
a network entity;
~~means for receiving an input which receives~~ media content from a sending entity and
addressed to said at least one recipient;
~~means for accessing a processor which accesses~~ a database comprising recipient data
describing at least one of multimedia reception capabilities ~~and/or~~ and reception preferences
for the at least one addressed recipient;
~~notification means for forming an MMS relay which forms~~, in accordance with said
recipient data the at least one of multimedia reception capabilities and reception preferences,
a notification message containing information that said media content is available to be
streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and
~~outputting means for outputting an output which sends~~ the notification message for
transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising a storage medium with a
computer program for controlling a network entity stored therein, the program when executed
causing the network entity to perform:
receiving media content from a sending entity and addressed to at least one recipient;
accessing a database comprising a recipient data describing at least one of the
multimedia reception capabilities ~~and/or~~ and reception preferences for the at least one
addressed recipient;
forming, in accordance with said ~~recipient data the at least one of multimedia~~
reception capabilities and reception preferences, a notification message containing

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information that said media content is available to be streamed to said at least one addressed recipient; and

outputting the notification message for transmission to said at least one addressed recipient.

14. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 1, wherein the media content comprises a set of different types of components and each component is formatted in one or more formats.

15. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 10, wherein the first telecommunication network possesses multimedia capabilities, traffic condition, and processing resources, and wherein the said properties of the first telecommunications network contain at least one or more of the following: the first telecommunications network's multimedia capabilities, the first telecommunications network's traffic condition, and the availability of processing resources in that the first telecommunications network.

16. (Currently Amended) A The method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving of the media content from a sending entity includes forwarding the the media content, via said network entity, to a multimedia messaging server corresponding to a communication system of said network entity.

17. Canceled.

18. Canceled.

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19. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method according to claim 1, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The network entity according to claim 11, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The communication system according to claim 12, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~ The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the forming of the notification message and the outputting of the notification message are performed locally within a multimedia messaging service environment.